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Title: <b>METHOD OF ETCHING METAL LAYERS</b>			

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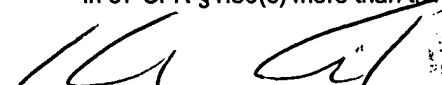
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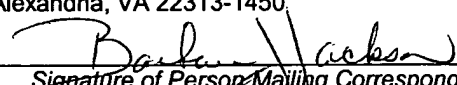
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